



SPACE COAST REGIONAL FRIENDS GROUP
 FLORIDA MASTER NATURALISTS PROGRAM
 BOARD MEETING Minutes
 March 10, 2022 / 6:00 to 7:00 VIA ZOOM

Zoom login information

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 980 4409 5902

Passcode: 447946

- Welcome and call meeting to order - Catherine Vecchio/President
 - Time: 6:00
 - Attendees: Holly, Kerri, Tara, Sharon, Catherine, Julie, Jill, Ivan
- Approval February 2022 meeting minutes
 - Motion – by Sharon
 - 2nd - Kerri
- Review financials and Memberships - Sharon Smeenk/Treasurer

Renewals	4
New Members	0
Total Membership Dues Paid (Renewals + New)	4
Finals	2
Total # of Members	63
Membership Dues (\$)	\$ 57.48
Patch Donations	\$ -
Scholarship Donations	\$ 96.62
Checking	\$ 2,904.31
Savings	\$ 110.58
P&L Income	\$ (220.90)
P&L Expenses	\$ (375.00)



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Membership:

- Catherine requested that a column be added to the membership list to help track volunteer interest and volunteered to assist with data entry
- Julie suggested providing a summary of the committee requirements to share with the members

OLD BUSINESS

- Social Media Manager – Julie Clark
 - Status – needs people to like or comment on posts. It shows we care and appreciate input
 - Posting events - private for group members only. Can share link to officially register. Can't share event from inside chat group to the public. Chat group can be an extension of newsletter and meeting minutes.
 - Name - Space Coast Regional Friends Chat Group
- Update from Holly regarding change to the bylaws - board can create an ad hoc committee at any time. No change to by-laws required for ad hoc. If want to make it a “standing” committee, would need a by-law change.’ Agreed to leave the committee’s as “ad hoc”
- Member picnic 3/20 – (Kerri)
 - Status - 13 +/- people signed up
 - Asked about having a 50 /50 or a donation jar as a way to help support the endowment fund. Agreed to a donation jar and will advertise
 - Games are planned to help get people out of their shells
 - Motion by Tara to authorize Kerri to not exceed \$50.
 - 2nd by Sharon
 - If foul weather, will contact participants individually
 - Catherine asked Holly to review rules of fund raising
- Monthly Newsletter/Member Spotlight - Catherine/Kerri
 - Encouraged members to provide her input for the monthly newsletter
- Scholarship Program
 - No volunteers
 - 2 scholarship winners will provide presentations

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget - Catherine Vecchio
 - Wants a guideline on what funds can be spent on / would like a formal budget



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- Budget discussion on possibly having a scholarship fund, donation fund, admin expense fund, entertainment fund and endowment fund.
 - Speaker suggestions (Catherine):
 - Frog Watch - willing and able
 - All about Manatees - working on talking to Blue Springs about a destination and / or having a talk on IRL and manatees
 - Wildflowers, Lagoon research - new Director, not available for May 12th but would love the opportunity
 - Lagoon Research - IRL inflow study. Would like to present
 - Dolphin Spotter Program - March 29th, Samantha McGuire, 45 min presentation at Cocoa IFAS, discussed the possibility of having 2 speakers. Offer Zoom and in-person
 - Discussion on having continuous learning “speaker series” of events
 - Jr. Master Naturalist program - Holly Abeels
 - Sorta live, selling curriculum, Holly will try to offer this summer
 - Ages 10 to 13
 - Will try to have info available for the Sampson Island
 - March 19th - Samson Island Open House - Holly
 - 2 volunteers, Holly will re-send
 - Transportation will be provided
 - Chapter Shirts - Catherine
 - Has artwork from 3 years ago, Peter gave permission to use the art work
 - Need to add “friends” to the name and maybe include “space coast” with a possible rocket
 - Can buy iron on transfers and transfer the artwork to own shirts
 - Allowed people to order their own shirts
 - Adjourn - 7:16
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OUTINGS FOR 2022 -

- 3/19 - Samson Island Open House
- 3/20 - Picnic in the Park
- 3/25 - Dolphin Watch - IFAS Office



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- 3/27 - Enchanted Forest
- 4/9 or 10 - Guided hike with Mark Prynosi in the Barrier Island Sanctuary
- 4/14 - BOD Mtg
- 5/12 - BOD and Member quarterly meeting
- Space Coast Audubon - recurring events. Sign up thru Meetup
- Forever Florida - For those that missed the popular outing last year. Date TBD
- Recycling sorting center and landfill
- Kayak trip Blue Springs